

Claims

I Claim:

1. A holding device, comprising:
5 a support surface;
a first holding portion integral with the support surface and adapted to suspend a bag; and
a second holding portion integral with the support surface and adapted to suspend a rigid container.
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2. The holding device of claim 1, further comprising a third holding portion integral with the support surface and adapted to suspend a further bag.
3. The holding device of claim 1, further comprising a further holding portion
15 integral with the support surface and adapted to suspend a further rigid container.
4. The holding device of claim 1, wherein the first and second portions are integral with each other.
- 20 5. The holding device of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of additional holding portions integral with the support surface wherein each of the additional holding portions is adapted to suspend a further bag.

6. The holding device of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of additional holding portions integral with the support surface wherein each of the additional holding portions is adapted to suspend a further rigid container.

5 7. The holding device of claim 6, further comprising a second plurality of additional holding portions integral with the support surface wherein each of the further plurality of additional holding portions is adapted to suspend a further bag.

8. A holding device, comprising:

a support surface;

a first holding portion for supporting a bag, wherein the first holding portion includes a first pair of elongate holding members substantially parallel to one another and integral with the support surface, the first pair of holding members defining a first channel having a length and being open at one end thereof and wherein a slot is further defined between the first pair of holding members extending the length of the first channel, the slot being narrower than the first channel; and

a second holding portion for supporting a rigid container, wherein the second holding portion includes a second pair of elongate holding members substantially parallel to one another and integral with the support surface, the second pair of holding members defining a second channel having a length and being open at one end thereof and wherein an opening is defined between the second pair of holding members extending the length of the second channel, the opening being narrower than the second channel.

9. The holding device of claim 8, for use with a slider bag wherein the slider bag includes a sealable end at which closure strips are disposed for sealing the sealable end, the slider bag further including a slider for opening and closing the closure strips, the width of the slider being wider than the width of the closure strips, the first holding portion further comprising:

an interference member disposed adjacent the channel for stopping the slider of the slider bag while allowing the closure strips to pass therethrough.

10. The holding device of claim 9, wherein the interference member defines an opening wider than the closure strips of the slider bag and narrower than the slider of the slider bag.

11. The holding device of claim 8, further comprising a third holding portion integral with the support surface and substantially identical to the first holding portion.

12. The holding device of claim 8, further comprising a further holding portion integral with the support surface and substantially identical to the second holding portion.

5 13. The holding device of claim 8, further comprising a plurality of additional holding portions integral with the support surface wherein each of the additional holding portions is substantially identical to the first holding portion.

10 14. The holding device of claim 8, further comprising a plurality of additional holding portions integral with the support surface wherein each of the additional holding portions is substantially identical to the second holding portion.

15 15. The holding device of claim 14, further comprising a second plurality of additional holding portions integral with the support surface wherein each of the additional holding portions is substantially identical to the first holding portion.

16. The holding device of claim 8, wherein the holding device further includes means for supporting the holding device.

20 17. The holding device of claim 16, wherein the supporting means is an adhesive strip attached to the side of the support surface opposite the holding members.

18. The holding device of claim 16, wherein the supporting means includes a hole in the support surface that receives a fastener.

19. A combination, comprising:

a holding device including

a support surface,

a first pair of elongate holding members each having a proximal portion

5 adjacent the support surface and a distal portion wherein the first holding members define a first channel, the first channel having a slot formed by the distal portions of the first holding members wherein the slot has a first width,

a second pair of elongate holding members each having a proximal portion

adjacent the support surface and a distal portion wherein the second holding members

10 define a second channel, the second channel having an opening formed by the distal portions of second holding members wherein the opening has a second width;

a bag having a bag walls and a closure mechanism wherein the bag walls have a combined third width less than the first width and wherein the closure mechanism has fourth width greater than the first width and wherein the closure mechanism is

15 disposed in the first channel of the holding device and the bag walls extend through the slot of the holding device; and

a rigid container having a sidewall, an open end and a rim extending

outwardly from the sidewall wherein the sidewall defines a fifth width less than the second width and wherein the rim defines a sixth width greater than the first second width and

20 wherein the rim is disposed in the second channel of the holding device and the sidewall extends through the opening of the holding device.

20. The combination of claim 19, wherein

the closure mechanism of the bag includes closure strips for sealing

25 a sealable end of the bag and a slider for closing the closure strips, the width of the slider being wider than the width of the closure strips; and wherein

an interference member is disposed adjacent the first channel for stopping the slider of the bag while allowing the closure strips to pass therethrough.

21. The combination of claim 20, wherein the interference member defines an opening wider than the closure strips of the slider bag and narrower than the slider of the slider bag.

5 22. The combination of claim 19, wherein the second channel is open at one end, the second pair of elongate holding members further including a retaining lip extending from the distal portion of one of the second pair of elongate holding members and blocking a portion of the channel.

10 23. The combination of claim 22, wherein there is a retaining lip extending from the distal portion of both of the second pair of elongate holding members.

15 24. The combination of claim 19, further comprising a third holding portion integral with the support surface and substantially identical to the first holding portion.

20 25. The combination of claim 19, further comprising a further holding portion integral with the support surface and substantially identical to the second holding portion.

25 26. The combination of claim 19, further comprising a plurality of additional holding portions integral with the support surface wherein each of the additional holding portions is substantially identical to the first holding portion.

27. The combination of claim 19, further comprising a plurality of additional holding portions integral with the support surface wherein each of the additional holding portions is substantially identical to the second holding portion.

- 5 28. The combination of claim 27, further comprising a second plurality of additional holding portions integral with the support surface wherein each of the second plurality of additional holding portions is substantially identical to the first holding section.

29. A holding device, comprising:
a support surface;
first means integral with the support surface for retaining a bag; and
second holding means integral with the support surface for retaining a rigid
5 container.

30. The holding device of claim 29, further including a clip integral with the support surface wherein the clip retains an additional bag.

- 10 31. The holding device of claim 29, further comprising a holding portion including a pair of elongate holding members substantially parallel to one another and integral with the support surface, the pair of holding members defining a channel having a length and being open at one end thereof and wherein a slot is disposed between the pair of holding members extending the length of the channel, the slot being narrower than the
15 channel.

32. The holding device of claim 29, further comprising a holding portion including a pair of elongate holding members substantially parallel to one another and integral with the support surface, the pair of holding members defining a channel having a
20 length and being open at one end thereof and wherein an opening is disposed between the pair of holding members extending the length of the channel, the opening being narrower than the channel.

33. A holding device, comprising:

a support surface;

first and second walls integral with the support surface and forming a slot therebetween wherein the slot has a first portion for receiving a bag and a second portion

5 for preventing removal of the bag from the slot; and

third and fourth walls integral with the support surface and forming an opening therebetween wherein the opening has a first portion for receiving a container and a second portion for preventing removal of the container from the opening.

10 34. The holding device of claim 33, wherein the second and third walls are integrally attached to one another.

35. The holding device of claim 33, further comprising fifth and sixth walls integral with the support surface and forming a third slot therebetween wherein the third
15 slot has a first portion for receiving a further bag and a second portion for preventing removal of the further bag from the third slot.

36. The holding device of claim 33, further comprising fifth and sixth walls integral with the support surface and forming a third slot therebetween wherein the third
20 slot has a first portion for receiving a further container and a second portion for preventing removal of the further container from the third slot.

37. A method of suspending a bag and a storage container, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a holder having a first section capable of receiving the bag and a second section capable of receiving the storage container;

5 mounting the holder on a surface;

placing the bag in the first section such that the bag is suspended thereby;

and

placing the storage container in the second section such that the storage container is suspended thereby.

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38. The method of claim 37, wherein the bag includes a slider and the first section includes an interference member and the step of placing the bag comprises the step of causing the slider to contact the interference member.

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39. The method of claim 38, wherein the bag includes bag walls, and wherein the step of causing comprises the step of moving the bag walls when the slider is in contact with the interference member and is maintained stationary thereby.

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40. The method of claim 39, wherein the slider is moved toward a closed position as a result of the step of moving the bag walls.

41. The method of claim 39, wherein the slider is moved toward a fully opened position as a result of the step of moving the bag walls.

42. The method of claim 37 wherein the storage container includes a peripheral lip and wherein the second section includes inwardly directed flanges and wherein the step of placing the storage container in the second section includes the step of placing the peripheral lip in contact with the inwardly directed flanges.

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43. The method of claim 42, wherein at least one of the inwardly directed flanges includes a retaining lip and wherein the step of placing the peripheral lip includes the step of disposing the peripheral lip in interfering relationship with the retaining lip.

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44. The method of claim 37, wherein the holding device includes a third section for receiving an additional bag and including the additional step of placing the additional bag in the third section such that the bag is suspended thereby.

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45. The method of claim 37, wherein the holding device includes a third section for receiving an additional storage container and including the additional step of placing the additional storage container in the third section such that the storage container is suspended thereby.

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46. The method of claim 37, wherein the storage container includes a lid mounted thereon.

47. The method of claim 46, wherein the storage container is made of thermoplastic.

48. The method of claim 37, wherein the bag is of the thermoplastic type.

49. The method of claim 48, wherein the bag is of the slider type.

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50. The method of claim 48 wherein the bag is of the pinch and seal type.